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SUB: GVN ISSUES COMMUNIQUE ON COMMUNIST CAPTURE OF KIEN DUC

1. THE GVN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) HAS ISSUED THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE UNDER THE TITLE: "COMMUNIQUE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DATED DECEMBER 6, 1973 CONCERNING THE ATTACK BY THE COMMUNISTS ON THE GARRISON OF KIEN DUC (QUANG DUC PROVINCE)."

2. QTE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF PRESS AND INFORMATION, NO 182/BNG/TTBC/TT ON DECEMBER 4, 1973, THE COMMUNISTS UNCLASSIFIED

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LAUNCHED MASSIVE ATTACKS ON THE GARRISON OF KIEN DUC, 20

KILOMETERS WEST OF GIA NGHIA, THE PROVINCIAL TOWN OF QUANG DUC PROVINCE.

3. ENEMY FORCES, COMPOSED EXCLUSIVELY OF NORTH VIETNAMESE INFILTRATED TROOPS OF THE 265TH, 271ST, AND 272ND REGIMENTS, SUPPORTED BY ARTILLERY AND ABOUT 20 TANKS, LAUNCHED FOUR ATTACKS ON KIEN DUC, FROM 04:00 A.M. TO 6:30 P.M.

4. THE ARVN GARRISON IN KIEN DUC RESISTED GALANTLY AND INFLICTED MANY HEAVY CASUALTIES UPON THE ENEMIES.

5. DURING THESE ATTACKS, THE COMMUNISTS COMPLETELY DISREGARDED THE LIVES AND PROPERTIES OF THE POPULATION FORCING FIVE THOUSAND INHABITANTS OF KIEN DUC, MOST OF THEM OLD PEOPLE, WOMEN AND CHILDREN, TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES, PROPERTIES AND CROPS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN CULTIVATING DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS. THE MAJORITY OF THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SAFELY EVACUATED THANKS TO THE EFFICIENT ASSISTANCE OF THE KIEN DUC GARRISON.

6. ONCE AGAIN THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS HAVE CLEARLY SHOWN TO THE WORLD THAT, THOUGH THEY SIGNED THE PAIS AGREEMENT, THEY HAVE CONTINUED TO VIOLATE OPENLY THE CEASE-FIRE AND ATTEMPTED BY ALL MEANS TO GRAB MORE LAND AND CONTROL MORE POPULATION. THE ATTACK ON KIEN DUC IS ANOTHER ACT OF WAR AND REVEALS THE BRUTALITY OF THE COMMUNISTS WHO, REGARDLESS OF INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION, HAVE BETRAYED THEIR COMMITMENTS AND DISREGARDED THE LIVES AND PROPERTIES OF THE INNOCENT PEOPLE. THIS ACT OF WAR IS ALSO A TOO CLEAR CHALLENGE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION.

7. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM STRONGLY DENOUNCES BEFORE INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION THIS ACT OF AGGRESSION COMMITTED BY THE COMMUNISTS IN SERIOUS VIOLATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 27, 1973 CONCERNING THE CEASEFIRE, AND PUTTING PEACE IN JEOPARDY.

8. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM SEVERLY WARNS THE COMMUNISTS TO IMMEDIATELY PUT TO AN END ALL ACTS OF AGGRESSION, AND REAFFIRMS THAT THE COMMUNISTS MUST BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THOSE ACTS WHICH SABOTAGE PEACE. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM WILL RESERVE ITS RIGHT TO TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO PROTECT ITS ARMED FORCES AND THE POPULATION OF SOUTH VIET NAM. UNQUOTE
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